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GENERAL PIET JOUBERT AND HIS BRILLIANT FEATS AFIELD.

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uninitiated that the Boers bave n real general have an army as well as the sublime audacity to beard the Brit-ish Bon in the full panoply of er. The affairs at Laingsnek and

ish fell down in 1881, were not military accidents, as the defeated side would have the world believe. The English troops went into it then expecting to scatter a rabble. They met General Plet Joubert and his Boer riflemen, who outgeneraled and outfought them. and the scattering was all on their own

Wise old Gladstone saw after Majuba Hill that it would cost England more to conquer the Boers than all the tax revenue from the Transvani would amount to in 100 years, so he called off the army and spared England the im-pending shame of defeat and an ap-pailing death roll. When it comes to the supreme clinch, all depends upor the man behind the gun, but the man behind the army regulates the clinch; hence it is of first importance to have a general. Later biographies of Genal Joubert, the directing mind of the South African force in the remarkable first blows at Britain's power, call him an American. It is said that he served under Dupont early in the civil war and afterward commanded a company f colored troops. But if Joubert was a civilian general

to begin with that is no reason why great things should not be looked for in campaigns directed by him. One of the eleverest strategists as well as hardest fighters of the Confederate army was the civilian Forrest. With seldom more than 5,000 men he balked Federal armies and ruined campaigns. Joubert need do no more than that against the British and still show genius and perhaps win the day without a great battle.

Names are immaterial, and if it was not goueralship it was something akin to it which Joubert displayed when he beat the British and won Boer independence in 1881. It was a rapid, hus federates at Gettysburg had a better tileg campaign of but few weeks, but the British lost at every point. There were goos chances for blundering, but

In the very first engagement, Bronk-

Hoors: As in 1890 so in 1881 General work unseen.

Joubert looked first to the occupation Suddenly hundreds of Boer rifles of Laingsuck, a tableland across which opened on the British from points of runs the road from Natal tato the Transvani. General Sir Gould Col-ley was advancing from Natal to the Nek with 1,000 British troops. The home, and General Colley's men began road at that point passes between to grow shaky without so much as see-Majuba Hill and another beight 2,000 ing an enemy. A British charge was feet from Majuba. Joubert's men were posted upon both kills, and General best to wait until the Beers got excited Colley advanced to the attack in broad and rushed from cover. But when that daylight. He strengt at former's left. colley advanced to the attack in broad daylight. He struck at Joubert's left, on the secondary height, thinking that ish. The Boer rush was a tide not to the carried it he would command the if he carried it he would command the stammed, and so Majuba Hill stands as a monument to the martial stands as a monument to th and the other a ridge continuing from freedom giving victory.

The British general supposed that the double attack would divide the Boers and that his columns could keep be touch and win an easy victory. But in touch and win an easy victory. But this was what happened: Joubert smashed the column, consisting of cavalry, which attacked the height, in a twinkling, hurling it back in a panic upon the infantry which was to make the supporting attack on the ridge. The Boers were not hurr at all and concentrated their fire upon the British infantry, which parched up the slope in gallant order. The British gained where, exhausted by their tended to drive you from the country

THE BOER WAR CHIEF count, they were charged by the fresh Boers and driven down the hill at the

point of the bayonet.

There was ample room at Laings There was ample room at Laings-nek for a green general to blunder. Had the Boers rushed after the retreat-ing cavalry, following up to the firm lines of infantry, there would have been a stand up fight in the open, in which failure on the part of the Boers would have been fatal. But Joubert held them in and made the English waste their streagth in dimbles the T IS no less a waste their st surprise to the hill under free waste their strength in climbing the

> After Laingsnek the situation was much the same as it has been in this war. General Colley held on at the war. General Colley held on a Nek awaiting re-enforcements. communications with the base in Natal were open to Boer raigers, and he marched back with 600 cops to patrol the road and keep it of n for sapplies and supports to reach him. The Ingent of the way of the road and the British marshaled therein full strength. Before they could prepare for defense Joubert attacked with vigor, and the battle lasted until night closed in. Under cover of darkness General Colley retreated, leaving his dead and help-lessly wounded to the mercy of Jou-bert. The casualties in the three fights at Bronkhorst Sprult, Laingenek and Ingogo River show on which side the generalship lay. The British loss foot-ed up 250 killed and 350 wounded against 17 killed and 35 wounded in the Boer ranks. In view of the British and Boer official returns up to the close of the hardest fighting before Ladysmith, these figures are significant. The battle losses of the British in October were fully 1,100 killed and wounded according to reports filed in Lon-don. The reports from Pretoria show 90 Boers killed and 200 wounded. In the long run the paim of generalship lies with the leader who gets the lar-gest return on the smallest investment. Joubert shut his enemies up at all points with a loss of one to four in battle.

At Majuba Hill Joubert was outgeneraled at the start, but recovered his seriled at the start, but recovered his grip with remarkable celerity and vigor. The British took advantage of the trusting nature of the Boers and stretched the moral law. There was a truce on, and proposal for peaceful settlement had been sent into the Boer lines. Through no fault of President Kruger answer was delayed beyond the hour named, but General Joubert is a man of peace when possible, and, believing in the good faith of General Colley, he massed his troops in camp, leaving Majuba Hill unoccupied. Gen-eral Colley climbed to the summit in the night with a strong force and at daybrenk looked down upon the Boers in the plain below. The hill on the side of the Boers was rocky and prowere good chances for blundering, but only the English took advantage of them. They blundered everywhere. Joubert made no mistakes. the very first engagement, Bronk-non for a general on the field, and that Epruit. The British, numbering trained men from the garrison. Majuba Hill when he saw the British were met in the open by an equal number of Boers, who disputed their march toward. Pretoria. Considering the length of the engagement, an appailing aumber of British were killed and wounded and the rest captured. It was a plain case of annihibiting an armed force.

The strategy for the Boers in 1881 consisted in cutting off or isolating the British found that the hill was safer at a distance from the british marvelously little loss to the British found the British found the border. Both ends were accomplished with marvelously little loss to the safe positions and left the Boers to work unseen.

Safe for in warfare records have either open more sought after, mark a fairly good average of percent, and a fairly good average of percent ages may be given to support the claim of any battle for honors in ginastiness. In the seven greatest battles of the seven may be given to support the claim of any battle for honors in ginastiness. In the seven greatest battles of the seven down that the bill was constant. At Columbia street the bought 55,000 Russians, with a combined dolos of 27,000. Mere figures, thought for hought 57,000. Mere figures, the bell rought for the suggest the sangulary features of a battle, and the mind is more strongly impressed by the description of some brink any loss of the brink and the mind is more atmosphing the containts of the seven greatest battles of the seven greatest battle, and the mind were met in the open by an equal num-ber of Boers, who disputed their march toward Pretoria. Considering the mount the rocky face of the hill. But

vantage on the summit. Although the

Even if Joubert is not an American product he is known to many Americans, for he visited this country in 1890. One of the stories told at a reception given him by the Holland society in New York illustrates his charac-When the leaders came together after Majuba Hill to sign a treaty of peace, the British leader said to Jou-bert:

"I never expected to make peace with you, sir."
"How so?" said Joubert.
"Because," said the Briton, "I In-

Becoming a fear, for nothing can compare with the horrors of child-bite fear for nothing can compare with the horrors of child-bite fear, for nothing can compare with the horrors of child-bite fear for nothing can compare with the horrors of child-bite fear for nothing can compare with the horrors of child-bite fear for nothing can compare with the horrors of child-bite fear for nothing can compare with the horrors of child-bite fear for nothing can compare with the horrors of child bite fear for nothing can can can

and settle with those who were left.' "Well. sir," was the sharp retort, "had it come to that pass I would have led away all my countrymen I could and killed those who wanted to stay

contempt for British marksmanship-to rivalry with that of his followers.



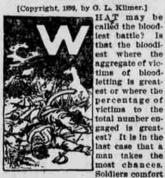
When I was a boy," he says, "an English regiment was quartered on our farm. One day three hartbeests sprang from the veldt, and half the regiment shot at them and missed. I and two other lads brought our rifles to the shoulder and sach brought down and two observations and each brought to to the shoulder and each brought to a beest. That's just the way we now short the English."
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BLOODIEST BATTLE.

WAR'S AWFUL CARNAGE DEPICTED BY STARTLING FIGURES.

War Was Deadliest In the Days of Club and Spear-Terrible Struggles With the Smoothbore Musket and Bayonet-Losses In the Civil War,

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gaged is greatest? It is in the most chances. Soldiers comfort selves on going into battle with

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their own ranks. Arminius, on the banks of the Lippe, slaughtered the legions of Cæsar, leaving a legacy of horrible names holding to this day, like "Bone Lane," "Bone Brook" and "Slaughter Kettle," a valley. It was this frightful event which led Cæsar to wall, addressing the vanouished gen. wall, addressing the vanquished gen-eral, "Bring back my legions, Varus!" Out of the 60,000 Normans led to victory at Hastings by William the Conqueror 15,000 were killed, and at Blen-heim, field of "famous victory," where Louis XIV staked the prize of universal dominion, the vanquished French lost 12,000 killed, while Mariborough lost but 5,000.

battles of the period were Lutzen, 1632; the martial nations of the world:
Rocroy, 1643, and Seneffe, 1674. At
Lutzen 31,000 imperialists lost 7,000,
and 20,000 Swedes lost 11,000, a total
Stone River (Lutzeresboro), 2802. Le

7.500. The civilians said that they buried 4,000 bodies on the field. Lut-zen was a victory for Gustavus Adolburied 4,000 bodies on the field. Lut-zen was a victory for Gustavus Adol-phus over the great Wallenstein, but he was killed, and one of his regiments, called the Walleys In a com-pared to that of reading that the he was killed, and one of his regiments, called the "Yellows," lay dead on the ground in the order where they had ground in the order where they has stood in fighting. Wallenstein left 0,000 dead on the field, half of the 18,000 casualties of the day. At Recrey out of 18,000 infantry the defeated Spaniards lost 9,000 killed in the ranks. "How many of you were there before "How many of you were there before the battle?" a French officer asked a Spanlard. "You have only to count

our dead and prisoners."

In the middle of the seventeenth century the bayonet superseded the pike. There were 23 great battles fought with the smoothbore musket and bayonet from Fontenoy, 1745, to Waterloo, 1815. Napoleon's loss at Waterloo has never been officially computed, but the estimates adopted make the loss 34 per cent, including prisoners. Borodino, 1819, was long constitutional to the control of the control ers. Borodino, 1812, was long considered the bloodlest battle of modern times, the loss being apparently 36 per cent, but it has been shown that the figures are deceptive. The average of the period of smoothbore and bayonet was about 20 per cent in the 23 great battles. Prisoners are often included

"Doctors failed to reach my case and advised me to try a higher air."

There is no greater irony than a recommendation of change of climate to those whose circumstances make change of climate impossible. How many a sufferer in such a case hos wistfully watched the flight of the south-seeking birds, and cried with the Psalmist, "Oh that I had wines." But summer was can fit the cried with the Psalmist, "Oh that I had wings." But suppose you can fit the lungs to the climate instead of fitting the climate to the lungs. That is what has been found possible by those who have used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It so parifies the blood, removing the clogged and poisonous conditions favorable to disease, that the whole body is strengthened. With new strength comes new power, and disease is resisted and thrown off.

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in the casualties of that period; but taking those where the percentages equal the exceptional percentages of the civil war, 12 out of the 23 were as bloody as the bloodiest of the era of the muzzle loading rifle barrel, which

held until the Franco-Prussian war. At Kolin, 1757, 94,000 Austrians and Prussians struggled with a loss of 20 per cent. At Zorndorf, 1758, 82,000 Prussians and Austrians fought with a loss of 40 per cent, including prison ers. At Sillery Wood, 1760, the English and French, numbering but 9,000, lost 33 per cent. At Marengo 59,000 French and Austrians struggled all day with varying fortunes and lost 23 per cent. Ellan, 1807, was a battle where the figures are quite authentic. where the figures are quite authentic. There were 80,000 French against 75,000 Russians, and the total loss 26 per cent. The battle was probably as bloody as any in historic times. Marshai Augereau charged with 16,000 men, and but 1,500 ever returned to duty. A sudden swystorm blinded his path, but the Russian cannon had been trained on the field and mowed his ranks with awful slaughter. After the destruction of Augereau the snow-

Leipsic, fought in 1813, is called the battle of the nations. Napoleon's loss is placed at 50,000 out of 175,000 and that of the allies 47,000 out of 200,000 Napoleon fought to save his army, and his men stood in their tracks until cur down, while the allies rushed forward until cut down. The loss was 21 per cent. At Kunersdorf, 1759, 90,000 Auslost but 5,000.

These examples are taken from the days of battleax and club and spear. 37,000, about 29 per cent. The losses Since the introduction of gunpowder as at Bunker Hill, 1775, were 24 per cent.

1. Ellan, 1807. Loss, 28 per cent. 2. Bunker Hill, 1775. Loss, 28 per cent. 8. Stone River (Murirestoro), 1802. Loss, 234

and 20,000 Swedes lost 11,000, a total of 18,000 out of 51,000, or 35 per cent.

At Rocroy 22,000 French lost 4,000, while 27,000 Spanlards lost 13,000, being totally defeated by the great Conde. At Seneffe, Reigium, in a battle between 60,000 Dutch allies and 48,000 French under Conde the total losses were 37,000, or 34 per cent.

In this period belongs Marston Moor, where the casualties, all told, were 7,500. The civilians said that they

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American order to the soldiers was

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"Wait till you see the whites of the eyes of the Britishers, and then fire at their waistbands!" At Stone River the Confederates rolled the Federal line up from left to right. The battle was mainly fought in dense thickets. Had Napoleon lost Marengo he would have lost his army, for it was isolated in the enemy's country. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the day was lost, but he turned the tide by the most fright-

ful sacrifice of his best troops Chickamauga was a field where the battle waged flercely around one point. In defending the road for retreat on the Federal left Thomas won fame as the "Rock of Chickamauga," and there the assallants piled their fallen the thickest. There the defenders died in their tracks.

Antietam left behind its "Bloody Lane," piled with dead; its "Sunken Road," its "Cornfield," where the failen lay in rows, with their dead lea in position just in the advance. loss of 20,000 killed and wounded took place between daylight and noon. The field of Shiloh was fought over in detall twice. The bloodlest spot was the "Hornets' Nest," where the Con-federate leader, A. Sidney Johnston, was killed. Cold Harbor was but half

as bloody as Shiloh in percentages, yet there were regiments there which lost half their numbers in a single dash. Fredericksburg had its slaughter pen at the famous stone wall, which was stormed again and again, each line suparently supred with the desire was stormed again and again, estimated with the desire to leave its dead a little nearer the barrier than its predecessors.

The bloodiest battles of the civil war,

in the order of the highest aggregate loss, where the number killed outright reached 1,000 on each side:

renched 1,000 on each side:

1. Gettysburg, 1885, 28,000 Union and 75,000 Confederates opposed. Union loss, 17,800 killed and wounded; Confederate, 15,301; total, 27,870.

2. Spottsylvania, 1864. The Union toss in killed and wounded was 18,111. The forces opposed were approximately 118,000 Union and 64,000 Confederate.

2. Wildermen, 1864. Union loss, killed and wounded, 14,253; Confederate retords incomplete.

plete.
4. Chickamangs, 1863. 07,000 Union and 71,500 Confederates opposed. Union loss in hilled and wounded, 11,405; Confederate, 15,501; total, 27,205.
4. Chancellorwille, 1863. 130,000 Union and 60.

Chancellorsville, 1869. 130,000 Union and 60,000 Confederates opposed. Union loss, 11,008 killed and wounded; Centederate, 10,725; total, 22,329.
 Antiletam, 1862. 60,000 Union and 40,000 Confederates engaged. Union loss, 11,637 killed and wounded; Confederate, 6,26; total, 20,903.
 Shiloh, 1862. 58,000 Union and 40,000 Confederates engaged. Union loss, 10,10 killed and wounded; Confederates, 9,740; total, 10,002.
 Cold Harbor, 1864. 115,000 Union and 55,003 Confederates engaged. Union loss, 10, 10; killed and wounded; Confederate, 9,740; total, 10,002.

ed and wounded; Confederate, comparatively slight.

& Second Bull Run, or Manassa, 1887. 63,000 Union and 54,000 Confederates engaged. Un-lon loss, 10,199 in Milled and wounded; Con-federate, 0,866; total, 19,596.

Bloom River, 1892. 43,000 Union and 27,000 Cenfederates engaged. Union loss, 0,822 killed and wounded; Confederate, 9,239; total, 18,771.

Fredericksburg, 1892. 113,000 Union and 60,-000 Confederates opposed. Union less, 10,854 killed and wounded; Confederate, 4,738; total, 15,000.

most chances. Soldiers comfort themselves on going into battle with the thought that at the worst they have also chances out of ten in favor of escape from builets. But it is not necessary to go further than our civil war to find many battles where the individual had but four chances out of five.

It really depends upon what is considered real warfare, this matter of bloody battling. Some battles are simply slaughters. At Marathon 10,000 Athenians killed 6,000 Persians outright on the field and lost but 192 in their own ranks. Arminius, on the love of peace and horror of war."

At Albuera, 1811, the French and the french and the french and the breedader. Was officed. At CATASTROPHE. in killed and wounded at Ellau as 40

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street. The smokers on the back plat-form heard the crate crack and saw it give way beneath the weight of the

And out from under him, before he could rise even, rose 24 doves and winged their flight into the higher air. The car resumed its run. There in the middle of the street stood the boy. He middle of the street stood the boy. He held the broken crate in one hand, and he stared woefully up into the clouds, where soared his pigeons. Maybe there were tears in his eyes-

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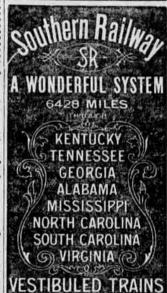
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